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Subject: **March 15, 2005, Progress Report
J.H. BAXTER ARLINGTON FACILITY
Docket No. RCRA-10-2001-0086**

Dear Ms. Palumbo:

This letter provides the March 15, 2005, progress report for work under the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for the J.H. Baxter & Co. (Baxter) facility during the period from February 15, 2005, to March 15, 2005.

Significant Developments This Period

This section discusses significant developments for the referenced reporting period, including actions performed and any problems encountered relative to work required by the AOC. Significant developments that occurred on this project during this reporting period are outlined below:

- No significant developments were noted during the reporting period.

Anticipated Developments Next Period

This section discusses developments anticipated during the next reporting period, as outlined below:

- Baxter will continue to implement elements of the Site Investigation (SI) Work Plan, including database compilation and data evaluation.
- Baxter will submit the Site Characterization Report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by March 31, 2005.

Anticipated Problems and Problem Resolution

This section discusses anticipated problems, and planned resolution of past or anticipated problems.

- No new problems or issues have been identified at the facility.



Other Information


Any other information relevant to the AOC is discussed in this section, including results of any sampling or testing completed within the reporting period.

- On February 17, 2005, Baxter collected an effluent sample from the stormwater treatment system for analysis of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in accordance with the State Waste Discharge Permit (SWDP).
- On February 25, 2005, Baxter submitted a letter to the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) requesting clarification of certain items in the SWDP.

Certification

I certify that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to evaluate the information submitted. I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this submittal is true, accurate and complete. As to those identified portions(s) of this submittal for which I cannot personally verify the accuracy, I certify that this submittal and all attachments were prepared in accordance with procedures designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those directly responsible for gathering the information, or the immediate supervisor of such person(s), the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature:



Name: RueAnn Thomas
Title: Environmental Programs Director
Date: March 15, 2005

We trust this letter meets the intent of the Progress Report per Paragraph 71 of the AOC. If you have any questions, please contact me at (541) 689-3801.

Sincerely,



RueAnn Thomas
Environmental Programs Director

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